

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1394

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative Joe McCord for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Joe McCord is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Representative Joe McCord's illustrious career in the House of Representatives will come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 106th General Assembly, as he has announced his retirement from that august body; and

WHEREAS, born in Knoxville and a highly successful businessman, Representative McCord has, for many years, been a prominent and highly influential figure in the social and civic lives of Maryville and Blount County; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, the good people of the 8th House District evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of Joe McCord by electing him as their representative to the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, during his six terms and twelve years in the House of Representatives, Representative McCord has been a committed and well-informed legislator who always voted his conscience; and

WHEREAS, Representative McCord has been a dynamic and aggressive participant in the legislative process, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues for the outstanding contributions he made as Chair of the House Conservation and Environment Committee, Chair

of the House Wildlife Subcommittee, and member of the House Calendar and Rules Committee, the House Commerce Committee, the House Ethics Committee, the House Environment Subcommittee, the House Industrial Impact Subcommittee, and the House Utilities and Banking Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, a former Vice-Chair of the House Republican Caucus, Representative Joe McCord has provided sterling service as Chair of the Rural Republican Caucus and as a member of the Joint Select Oversight Committee on Corrections and the Joint Workers Compensation Select Committee; and

WHEREAS, known as “Power Broker” by many of his colleagues, Representative McCord has authored numerous pieces of landmark legislation, but is most proud of his groundbreaking legislation concerning trespass and wet weather conveyances; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Maryville High School, Joe McCord earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1991; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of citizenship, Joe McCord is a valuable contributor to many civic, professional, and governmental organizations, including the Blount County Chamber of Commerce, the Blount County Board of Realtors, the National Association of Sportsmen Legislators, and the Tennessee Farmers Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, a talented, astute, and productive professional, Representative McCord and his family own and operate The Lost Sea in Sweetwater, and he serves with acumen and alacrity as a farmer, contractor, and realtor in his community; and

WHEREAS, Representative Joe McCord, after countless hours of practice and diligent study, earned his private pilot’s license and enjoys flying during his spare time; and

WHEREAS, he also relishes the tracking, chasing, and camaraderie involved in the timeless sport of fox hunting and is a proud charter member of the board of directors of two recognized fox hunting clubs, rendering sterling service as the whippers-in for both; and

WHEREAS, Joe McCord is an active and devout member of the Episcopal Church, which he has served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, he is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Jules, and their two children, Morgan and Clay; he is also deeply grateful for the never-ending support he receives from his parents, Peggy and Keith McCord, and his brothers, Keith, Jr., Johnny, and David; and

WHEREAS, Representative Joe McCord is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Joe McCord for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 8th House District, and extend to him our best wishes for much success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.